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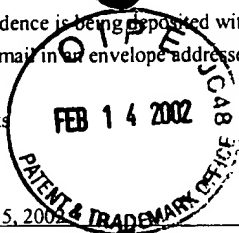
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In re application of:

Heidrun Engler *et al.*

Application No.: 08/889,355

Filed: July 8, 1997

For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS
FOR THERAPEUTIC USE

Examiner: Michael C. Wilson

Art Unit: 1633

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 27, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A petition for a three-month extension of time accompanies this response, extending the time in which to respond from October 27, 2001, until January 27, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 21-22, 35-36 and 40 as follows:

21. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a polymeric matrix and a therapeutically effective amount of a therapeutic agent formulated in a buffer comprising a compound of Formula I: